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Metro staffers look back at 2012 favorites

► 'Moonrise Kingdom,' 'channel ORANGE' and 'The Mindy Project' top our lists {pages 12-17}

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- The bad and the utterly disgusting largely dominated local headlines this year
- Voting rights advocates successfully beat back a Republican-led voter ID law

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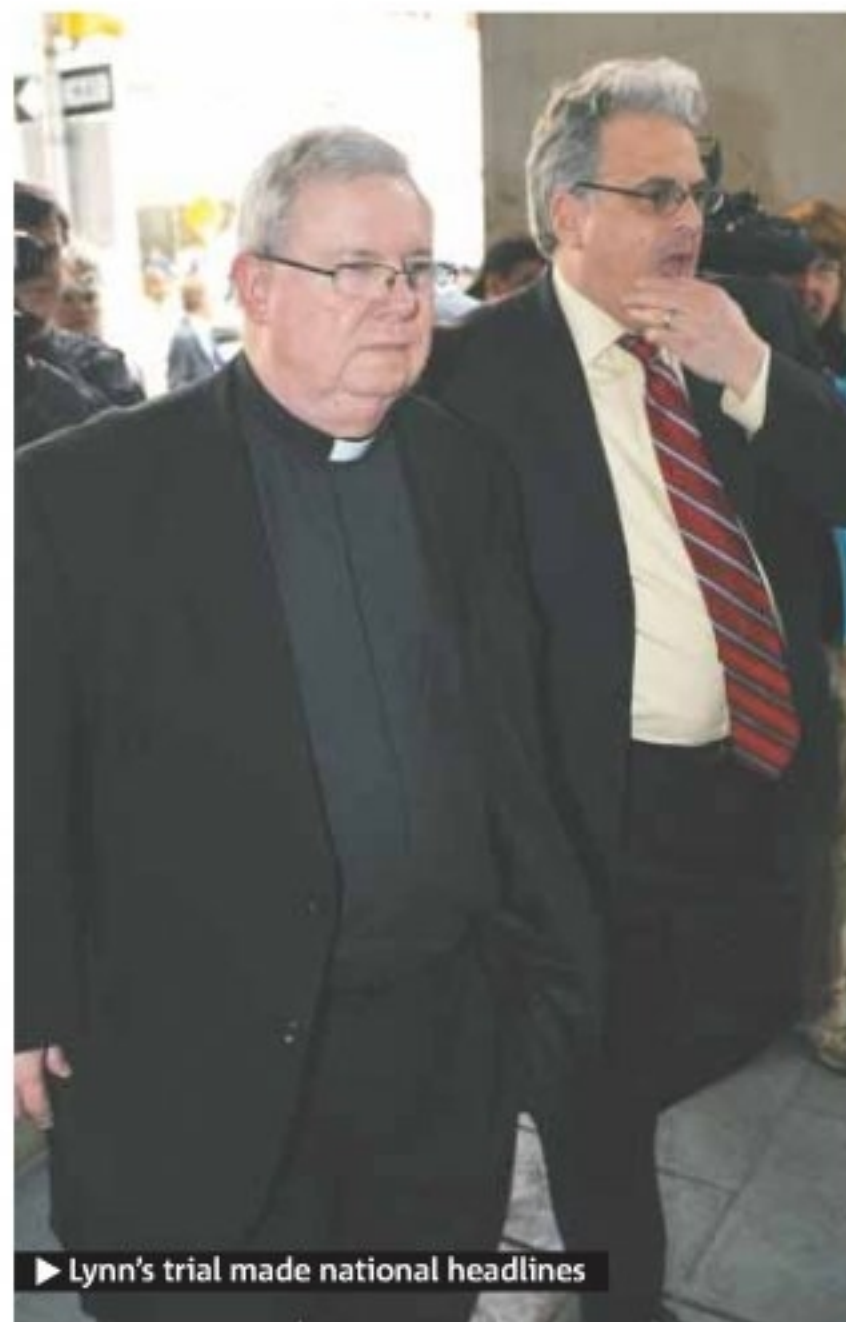
This year had its share of monumental stories that grabbed headlines locally and nationally. Here are a few, in no particular order.

Monsignor William Lynn convicted

The Philadelphia Archdiocese's former secretary of clergy became the first U.S. Roman Catholic church official prosecuted and then convicted for covering up priest sex abuse, when a jury convicted him of child endangerment after a three-month trial. He was later sentenced to three to six years in prison.

Sandusky guilty on 45 counts

The former Penn State coach was convicted of sexually abusing 10 boys he met through a charity he founded over a 15-year period in a landmark case. The 68-year-old was later sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison. The scandal rocked Penn State and was the subject of the Freeh report which



► Lynn's trial made national headlines

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criticized top administrators for engaging in an elaborate coverup.

Three cops killed while off duty

Not since 2008 had Philadelphia seen such a

deadly year for Philadelphia police officers.

Three veterans — officers Marc Brady, Brian Lorenzo and Moses Walker Jr. — were all cut down while off duty. Only Walker's death was a

result of gun violence, when two men allegedly gunned him down during a robbery.

Two firefighters killed in massive warehouse blaze

Lt. Robert Neary and firefighter Daniel Sweeney were killed in April when a Kensington warehouse



► Neary

went up in smoke and collapsed a wall in an adjoining building. The tragedy sparked a debate among city officials about securing vacant buildings and cracking down on unresponsive owners.

Court rejects voter ID law

Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson invalidated most of the state's controversial voter ID law for the November election after the state Supreme Court bumped the case back down. Voting rights advocates called the law a Republican attempt to disenfranchise minority voters.



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Those we lost in 2012

- **Joe Paterno**
The legendary Penn State coach died in January weeks after being fired due to fallout from the Jerry Sandusky sex abuse scandal. JoePa was 85.
- **Arlen Specter**
Specter, an institution in the U.S. Senate after serving five terms, died in October following a battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Specter was 82.
- **Garrett Reid**
The son of Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid died in August of an accidental heroin overdose during training camp at Lehigh University. He was 29.
- **Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua**
The Cardinal and former leader of the Philadelphia Archdiocese died in January at the age of 88 before he could testify in the landmark priest sex abuse trial.

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Caught on camera:

2012 in videos

With the growing popularity of smartphones and social media, an increasing number of moments, both weird and newsworthy, were caught on camera in 2012 and quickly went viral. Here are some of this year's highlights:

Naked romp outside Upper Darby High School, March 16

A student filmed 44-year-old Sarah Butler and her three children laying down outside the school and

singing religious songs, then stripping naked and running around the parking lot. Butler's attorney said her actions were caused by a psychotic episode brought on by a mixture of lupus medications. She pleaded guilty in October to indecent exposure and related charges.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=141oBv77lcQ

Man throws scalding coffee on doughnut shop employee, May 8

Police released shocking surveillance footage of a man throwing a hot cup of coffee on 27-year-old Fresh Donuts cashier Sulia Luy during an argument over payment for a \$2.40 food order. David Timbers, 52,

eventually pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and will be sentenced Jan. 24. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vGC89WlkvA>

Babysitter's friend accidentally locks child in washing machine, May 11

This surveillance footage from a Camden, N.J., laundromat shows a man playing peek-a-boo with a 1-year-old boy inside a washer. The ill-conceived game went awry when the machine powered on spin cycle, tossing the child in circles until a quick-thinking employee unplugged it. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjGtPiM_iO0

Parade punch heard 'round the world,



Sept. 30

A parade-goer shot this clip of onetime Daily News Sexy Single and Philadelphia Police Lt. Jonathan Josey punching reveler Aida Guzman for allegedly spraying officers with silly string. Disorderly conduct charges against Guzman were subsequently dismissed, and assault charges filed against Josey, who was dismissed from the force. He plans to

fight the claims. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=3Fn0mrdmXZI

Society Hill Sheraton wedding brawl, Oct. 7

A guest celebrating his 15th birthday shot a video of a booze-fueled brawl that police said broke out between members of two wedding parties in the lobby's bar area. One bride's uncle, 57-year-old Vincent Sannuti, suffered a fatal heart attack immediately after the fight, which grew to involve between 75 and 100 people. Two New Jersey men are currently fighting assault and related charges in court.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=3Fn0mrdmXZI

Tweet news



Twitter buzz

Twitter became a big part of the news this year. It was not only used in the news, but also to break the news. The following terms and topics were not necessarily the most used terms in tweets from Philadelphia, but were certainly buzzed about at some point during the year.

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- #tgif
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Year end news in pictures



► Superstorm Sandy ravaged many coastal communities.

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► Transit police went on strike again in 2012.

► Police salute slain Officer Moses Walker Jr.

Holiday lights contest winner



When Metro put out the call for photos of your holiday lights displays, we never imagined the incredible response we'd get — countless winter wonderlands dazzling onlookers across NYC, Boston and Philly! A huge thanks to all our readers who entered the contest, but there can only be one winner from each city. Philadelphia's winner is Robert Pearce of South Philly. Extra points for synching his lights display with holiday music. Well done, Robert! Looks (and sounds) spectacular! He will receive a \$150 gift card to Macy's.

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► Seven-year-old Zaire Cave helps Gunnery Sgt. David Pierson sort toys at 23rd Street Armory for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation's Philadelphia branch.

RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Metro readers showed their true holiday spirit by purchasing dozens of gifts for underprivileged children for our third annual Metro Magic campaign. The toys were taken to a Toys for Tots facility on Dec. 17. Thank you to all those who participated to make it a success! Last year the organization distributed over 92,000 toys, and are working overtime to accommodate all of this year's orders. ● METRO

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Cynics shamed: Reindeer Rudolph did have a red nose

He is a subject of mockery in the Christmas song, but Rudolph's red nose is real and well adapted to his environment, scientists from Holland and Norway claim.

A comparative study of human and reindeer noses, published in the British Medical Journal, found that the North Pole creatures have a 25 percent higher density of blood vessels. This improves their circulation, and keeps both the nose and brain from freezing, while giving it a distinctive red tint.

"These factors explain why the nose of Rudolph, the lead flying reindeer employed by Santa Claus to pull his sleigh, is red and well adapted to carrying out his duties in extreme temperature," says study author Can Ince of

Rudolph's speed

Despite vindication of Rudolph's nose, doubts persist over his ability to visit every home on Christmas Eve. Physicists estimate he would have to travel at 650 miles per second — 3,000 times the speed of sound — to visit 100 million homes.

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► Rudolph's nose guides Santa.

Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam.

The same study investigated human nasal circulation in different states, including under the influence of alcohol and cocaine. Both contributed a dramatic reddening effect, prompting the recommen-

dation that we should be more careful about leaving treats for Santa. "I think maybe we should stick to healthier food and drink for both Santa and the reindeer," Professor John Cullen of the University of Rochester said. **KIERON MONKS, METRO WORLD NEWS**



► Rudolph's nose gets the most body heat.

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Jeep attempts to go global — again

The 62-year-old Jeep brand is poised to get a sweeping multibillion-dollar overhaul that will expand the product range, boost its overseas presence and knit the fortunes of Jeep and U.S. parent Chrysler even more closely with those of Italy's Fiat.

Fiat, which took management control of Chrysler after the U.S. automaker's 2009 bankruptcy, plans to broaden the Jeep stable from four to at least six nameplates by 2016, Reuters has learned.

Three of those future Jeeps will be built on Fiat platforms, according to two industry sources familiar with Chrysler's and Fiat's future product programs, and several will share their underpinnings with companion models from Fiat and its premium European brands, Alfa Romeo and Maserati.

Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne is masterminding the four-year retooling that is intended to establish Jeep as one of the

"Jeep probably has the strongest global reputation of any brand inside the company — but it's never really been developed."

DAVID COLE, AUTOHARVEST

Italian automaker's core global brands.

It is far and away the most ambitious effort to elevate the Jeep brand, which traces its roots to the iconic World War Two military vehicle and has had multiple owners over the past seven decades, including French automaker Renault SA and German automaker Daimler AG.

Marchionne has been pushing for greater integration of the Fiat and Chrysler product ranges, while singling out Jeep for special attention and heavy investment.

The renewed focus on Jeep is paying off. U.S.



► A model poses beside the new Jeep Wrangler 10th anniversary Rubicon edition displayed on media preview day at the Los Angeles Auto Show on Nov. 28, 2012 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Keeping the Jeep in Jeep

Analysts caution that Chrysler and Fiat need to

be careful not to stray too far from the qualities — including rugged styling and a go-anywhere reputation — that have been integral to Jeep's personality.

► "Jeep is one of the few American brands with virtually no baggage," says Rebecca Lindland of IHS Automotive. "It is a charismatic brand with global appeal."

sales through November are up nearly 16 percent, and Chrysler says the brand expects to beat its previous global sales record of 675,000 vehicles in 1999.

To facilitate Jeep's global growth, Marchionne has decreed that virtually every future Jeep, except for the long-running Wrangler, will share its major underbody components with one or more Fiat group brands.

With the new baby Jeep — it may be called Scamp — anchoring the low end of the range and the new Grand Wagoneer at the high end, the brand also is preparing to replace its slow-selling compacts, the Compass and the Patriot, with a single model in 2014, the sources said.

This model, like the Liberty replacement, will be built on a Fiat platform and assembled in the United States. And, as with virtually all future Jeeps, it is intended to be exported around the world. **REUTERS**



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Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

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Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

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- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:

- rash
- raised red patches on your skin (hives)
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

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- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
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Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

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TOP 5 POP CULTURE MOMENTS OF 2012

► From 'Hey, sexy lady!' to saying goodbye to an icon, it's been quite a year ► Metro reporters look back on the big moments

Metro votes

- 1 Whitney Houston dies.
- 2 Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes divorce.
- 3 Kristen Stewart cheats on Robert Pattinson.
- 4 PSY takes over the world with "Gangnam Style."
- 5 The royals are having a baby.

► "Whitney Houston's death in February was a tragic event that symbolically set the tone for a year where the old guard in soul and R&B music gave way to a younger generation, as hip-hop kids like **Frank Ocean**, **The Weeknd** and **Miguel** basically reinvented the genre in 2012." **PAT HEALY**

► "I remember going to a party and it's all anyone could talk about. I mean, we all knew she wasn't doing well, but I guess we didn't realize the extent of her fall from grace until it was too late." **DOROTHY ROBINSON**

► "Our 'Kristen, How Could You?' cover is blown-up and hanging on the wall next to my desk. Every day I ask myself the same thing." **MEREDITH ENGEL**

► "At the risk of giving this any more ink: **Robert Pattinson**'s hair at least deserves to be cheated on in a proper hotel room." **MONICA WEYMOUTH**

► "I can't believe the Stewart/Pattinson break up made the list but 'Fifty Shades' didn't. That's bonkers. But maybe it's because we are all still in shock that such badly written erotica could take off like it did." **DR**



► Pop icon Whitney Houston was only 48 years old when she died on Feb. 11.

Quoted

"When my mother asked me what K-Pop was, I knew this thing was bigger than all of us. Parents are the best barometer."

HEIDI PATALANO, ON "GANGNAM STYLE"



► Kristen Stewart issued a public apology to boyfriend Robert Pattinson when she was caught cheating this summer.

Editor's picks

The Word columnist Dorothy Robinson's Top 5

1. Whitney's death
2. "Fifty Shades" phenomenon
3. "Gangnam Style"
4. "Twilight" breakup
5. Katie and Tom divorce

I hate to be so morbid that Whitney's death would be the biggest event of the year, but it was just so shocking. Coming in at No. 2, for me, is the "Fifty Shades" book publishing phenomenon. It's not too often that a book comes along that every single woman — from your housekeeper to your grandmother — has read. Unfortunately, this was that book. It was neat to see "Gangnam" overtaking "The Macarena" as the biggest dance craze of the century, and it was also neat to see (in pictures) Kristen Stewart's car-seat dalliance. Thank you, paparazzi. Finally, Tom and Katie's divorce putters in at No. 5. Their split was no surprise there, but big enough for a mention.

► "I just wanted to say that I think my 2012 approach to the **Kardashian** family has really worked this year. I vowed at the onset of 2012 to not speak the Kardashian name aloud. And look at how you're not seeing them on quite as many magazine covers in the checkout line. They're not even on this list! Yes, the one that they call **Kim** is doing whatever she can to keep her flicker of fame alight, hiring **Kanye West** to pretend like he's into her, but in 2013, if we all agree not to speak the name of that family, I think we can finally make them go away forever." **PH**

► "I never thought I'd be someone who thinks of themselves as a 'royal fan' but I really dig **Kate and William** and I'm excited for them." **DR**

► "Agreed! Although I'm probably more on Team **Harry**. How much do you want that guy's life?" **MW**

Year end

Metro on the year in entertainment

At the end of every year, Metro's entertainment reporters reflect on their Top 5 moments in pop culture, films, albums/singles and TV shows. The lists have been compiled and tallied to create Metro's overall Top 5 picks of 2012, with the expected heavy-hitters and some surprises making the cut. In the following pages, our writers explain — and argue about — our choices. Did your favorites make the list? Let us know at letters@metro.us.

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TOP 5 FILMS OF 2012

► 'Moonrise Kingdom' tops our staff list of the best movies out this year

Metro votes

- 1 "Moonrise Kingdom"
- 2 "Argo"
- 3 "The Hunger Games"
- 4 "Silver Linings Playbook"
- 5 Tie: "The Avengers" and "21 Jump Street"

► "I'd like to qualify 'Moonrise Kingdom': It's on my list mostly — maybe only — because Bill Murray spends most of it in a bathrobe, drinking wine from the bottle." **MONICA WEYMOUTH**

► "And I would like to qualify 'Argo' for Ben Affleck's sexy '70s shag haircut. He reminded me of Ramona and Beezus." **HEIDI PATALANO**



► Kara Hayward and Jared Gilman, as Suzy and Sam, respectively, captured the hearts of the Metro entertainment reporters.

► "I saw 'The Hunger Games' and then went into labor two hours later. Coincidence? Probably. But still, I'm very impressed the filmmakers tried (and mostly succeeded) to make an artful blockbuster from the YA book series unlike the cinematic candy that is

'Twilight.'" **DOROTHY ROBINSON**
► "Is it weird that half of these picks are about teenagers? Don't take my question as criticism though; one of the movies that I picked — that nobody else probably even thought of — was 'The

Perks of Being a Wallflower,' which may be the teen angst-iest of them all. Anyway, are we as a group of individuals regressing, or have years of youth marketing finally caught on and started working on us?" **PAT HEALY**
► "I'm wearing Uggs and

Justin Bieber's hair mist. I fear this list makes perfect sense to me." **MW**

► "Well, OK we all just wanted some fun this year. Plus, I think that the more serious-minded films that came out this year just seemed sort of dour. In recent years there have been some offerings that just seemed much cooler than 'Lincoln' and 'Zero Dark Thirty.' Those movies don't offer enough to tempt me out to the theater if I can catch 'Magic Mike' on Netflix at home." **HP**

► "'Skyfall'? Anyone? Am I the only one who thought this was up there with 'Casino Royale' in terms of Bond films (and opportunities to drool at Daniel Craig)? And speaking of drooling, how did 'Magic Mike' not make this list?" **MEREDITH ENGEL**

► "Easy: Banana hammocks are just WRONG." **AMBER RAY**

► "Channing Tatum's abs for the Oscar!" **MW**

Editor's picks

Film critic Heidi Patalano's Top 5

1. "Les Misérables"
2. "Argo"
3. "Moonrise Kingdom"
4. "Seven Psychopaths"
5. "Smashed"

"When it comes to 'Les Misérables' you can believe the hype. Getting to see live performances of that music up-close was an unusually emotional experience. Though I have had nothing to do with his career, I feel proud of Ben Affleck for establishing himself as solid director with 'Argo.' Wes Anderson never disappoints me, though many would say otherwise. I hope that putting 'Seven Psychopaths' and 'Smashed' on this list will get more people to check out these overlooked gems."

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TV shows of 2012

► "OK, the 'Mindy' show is amazing — not because there's finally a cool Indian chick on TV, which BTW, is major — but because it appeals to real women, the ones who perhaps didn't get asked to prom but grew up to be badass, hysterical, Celine-bag swinging hot-shots. I don't mind that she flaunts it." **TINA CHADHA**
► "I want to steal Mindy's life and/or be her permanent brunch date. She's like a Zooey Deschanel that I don't want to smother a little bit." **MONICA WEYMOUTH**
► "I really like 'The Mindy Project' — it's good — but there's no way it's the best show on TV. That would be 'Sherlock' and 'Breaking Bad.' I would kill a man to work on 'Sherlock.' I know people say that as hyperbole but I really, really mean it (sorry, random



► Mindy Kaling stars in "The Mindy Project."

Metro's Top 5

1. "The Mindy Project"
2. "Parks and Recreation"
3. "The Walking Dead"
4. "Masterpiece: Sherlock"
5. "Louie"

dude). It's as close to genius as TV gets these days." **DOROTHY ROBINSON**
► "I like that the world may know and love a man with the so-British-it's-silly-on-an-almost-Monty-Python-

level name of Benedict Cumberbatch!" **PAT HEALY**
► "Anyone else have a weird crush on Louis CK? Just me? I can't help it: He hates us all so good." **MW**
► "I've caught the occasional 'Louie' episode and somehow they've all left me wondering: '... the f— was that?' in a good way." **MEREDITH ENGEL**
► "Angry dudes, obviously, make the best TV — from a divorced doc ('Mindy') to a zombie-fighting lawman ('The Walking Dead') to an anti-government government employee ('Parks and Rec,' though give Ron Swanson his sax and all is right with the world)." **AMBER RAY**
► "If I'm being honest, I mostly watch 'The Walking Dead' because I know — I know — that Andrew Lincoln will drop the zombie-slaying act any day now and declare his undying love for Keira Knightley with cue cards. Wait for it." **MW**

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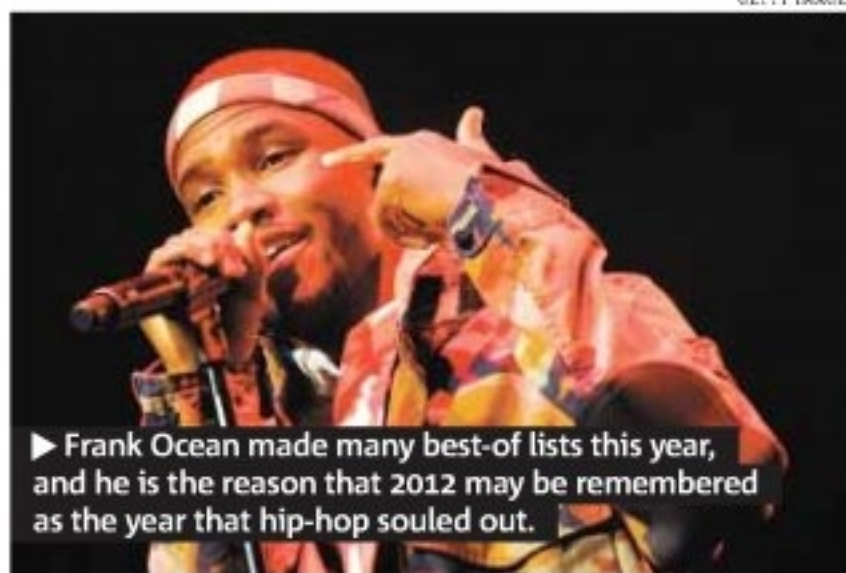
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TOP 5 IN MUSIC OF 2012



► Frank Ocean made many best-of lists this year, and he is the reason that 2012 may be remembered as the year that hip-hop souled out.

► "I'll start by criticizing myself (and roping you all in with it, so it might touch a nerve). How did we all leave 'We Are Young' by **Fun.** off this list? Is it because we're all too old to sing that song out loud, because we know it's just not true? It can't be! We all love movies about teenagers (see page 14). Is it the annoying way that they punctuate their name? Or is that opening of the song just too schlocky to make it all worth the amazing chorus? Also, here's where I'm a little bit of a jerk: That **Gotye** song officially started getting airplay last year."

PAT HEALY, MUSIC EDITOR

► "For me, the problem with Fun. is 'My friends are in the bathroom, getting higher than the Empire State.' This line ruined friends, getting high and New York for me. FOR SHAME, Fun.!" **MONICA WEYMOUTH**

► “Maybe this supports the argument that I’m already an old fogey, but I had to look up the **Rihanna** and **Ke\$ha** songs because I hadn’t heard them before. Ke\$ha is the first to inspire me to call

Metro votes

1. Frank Ocean, "channel ORANGE"
2. TIE: Father John Misty, "Fear Fun"; PSY, "Gangnam Style"*
3. Carly Rae Jepsen, "Call Me Maybe"
4. Gotye, "Somebody That I Used to Know"
5. TIE: Rihanna, "Diamonds"; Ke\$ha, "Warrior"

**This list includes
albums + singles.*

something 'devil music' in an unflattering way." **HEIDI PATALANO**

► "Heidi, you are killing me! Tell me that when 'TiK ToK' comes on, you don't feel like you run the world. Tell me!"
MW

► "I may agree with Ke\$ha's choice of toothpaste, but it all stops there." **HP**

► “Another bit of food for thought: Would ‘Gangnam Style’ make the list if there weren’t a video? People probably posed the same

question about **Duran Duran** in 1982, and it's strange how this bit of devil's advocacy is still relevant in 2012. But seriously, in an age where music videos aren't shown on TV anymore, it is interesting that a video made such a huge cultural and musical splash." **PH**

► "I think it would have — hell, I still haven't even seen the 'Gangnam Style' video, but I somehow know the dance. I personally enjoyed **Britney** trying her hand at it while appearing on 'Ellen.'" **MEREDITH ENGEL**

► "I think a prerequisite for Best Song of the Year means we can sing along with it. Oh man, I'm such a xenophobe."
DOROTHY ROBINSON

► “Heeeeeey sexy lady!” — count it!” **MW**

► “What’s surprising is also what DIDN’T make the list: Where’s the **Kanye West** ‘Cruel Summer’ comp.?” **PH**

► "I'm really proud of our list — I think it's a great compilation of the best of what was playing on most people's

iPhones this year. But for me, 2012 was the year of Innovative Leisure. The small L.A. label put out fantastic new albums by rhythm and blues throwback **Nick Waterhouse** and breezy psych rockers the **Allah-Las**. Both became fixtures on the beachy, blissed-out soundtrack to my summer." **AMBER RAY**

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Horoscope

♈ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Even though it might not enhance your popularity, it's still best not to do things that go against your better judgment. Don't wrongly yield to pressure.

♉ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Strive for continuity of purpose, so that you finish whatever you begin. Letting loose ends linger could leave a long-lasting bad effect.

♊ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You might find yourself tempted to do something nasty to even an old score. If you do, you'll find out the hard way that spite does not make right.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Something you're planning has promising potential, but it will have to be nurtured every step

of the way. The important thing is not to become impatient.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Appearances are more important than usual, so if you want others to follow your lead, put on a happy face. To be a leader, you'll first have to behave like one.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Your intuitive perception is likely to be an enormously valuable asset. Sometimes it pays to ignore your common sense and depend on your hunches to lead the way.

♈ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** When in a discussion with a friend, you shouldn't treat lightly anything that he or she takes seriously. If you do, your pal might not only stop coming to you for advice, but for friendship as well.

♉ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You'll

function quite well if you don't attempt to do too many things simultaneously. It would be better to do one thing at a time, seeing it through to its conclusion before you begin another.

♊ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Avoid trying to instruct another on how to do something you've never actually done yourself. If you turn out to be wrong, you could ruin some important plans.

♈ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Your researching, probing and detecting skills are especially keen. There is a good chance you will have already effectively used them in helping you select gifts for friends and family.

♉ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You don't have to be told that there are always two sides to a story, so don't think differently now.

If you should rush to judgment, you could offend the wrong person.

♊ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** The possibilities for fulfilling your ambitious expectations look to be exceptionally good today, mostly because you'll do things in stages instead of in one fell swoop.

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Letters to the editor

You can't compare cars to firearms

RE: "ONE BAD APPLE DOESN'T MEAN THE REST ARE CRIMINALS" (METRO, DEC. 21-23) "Why not protest outside AAA because of drunken drivers and others that have no business behind the wheel of a vehicle?" asks letter writer Mike Priell complaining about people picking on the NRA and guns.

Here's why: The AAA does not oppose the testing and licensing of drivers, nor the registration of cars, nor does it try to weaken or prevent laws calling for penalties for speeding or driving under the influence. If they did, they might well be the target of protests. There are responsible gun owners who deserve a seat at the table in discussions on how we deal with gun violence. They're easy to recognize. They don't try to derail the discussion by asking stupid questions like that.

DANIEL M. KIMMEL,
VIA E-MAIL

Mike Priell seems to miss the point. Imagine that in 200 years' time it is relatively easy to build, or purchase, one's

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own nuclear bomb. If it were legal to do so and the city was blown up by a nuclear wielding idiot, I think that people would rightfully be upset by laws that permitted a citizen to obtain nuclear weapons. The response, that there are plenty of nuclear-wielding sane people, completely misses the point. Obviously an assault weapon is not a nuclear weapon, and so the issue becomes one of drawing the line. What sorts of weapons should private citizens be allowed to have, and what should the checks be on obtaining them? Many feel assault weapons are too easy to obtain, and that the cost-benefit analysis of allowing easy access tends very far to the cost side of the ledger.

JEREMY GWIAZDA, VIA E-MAIL

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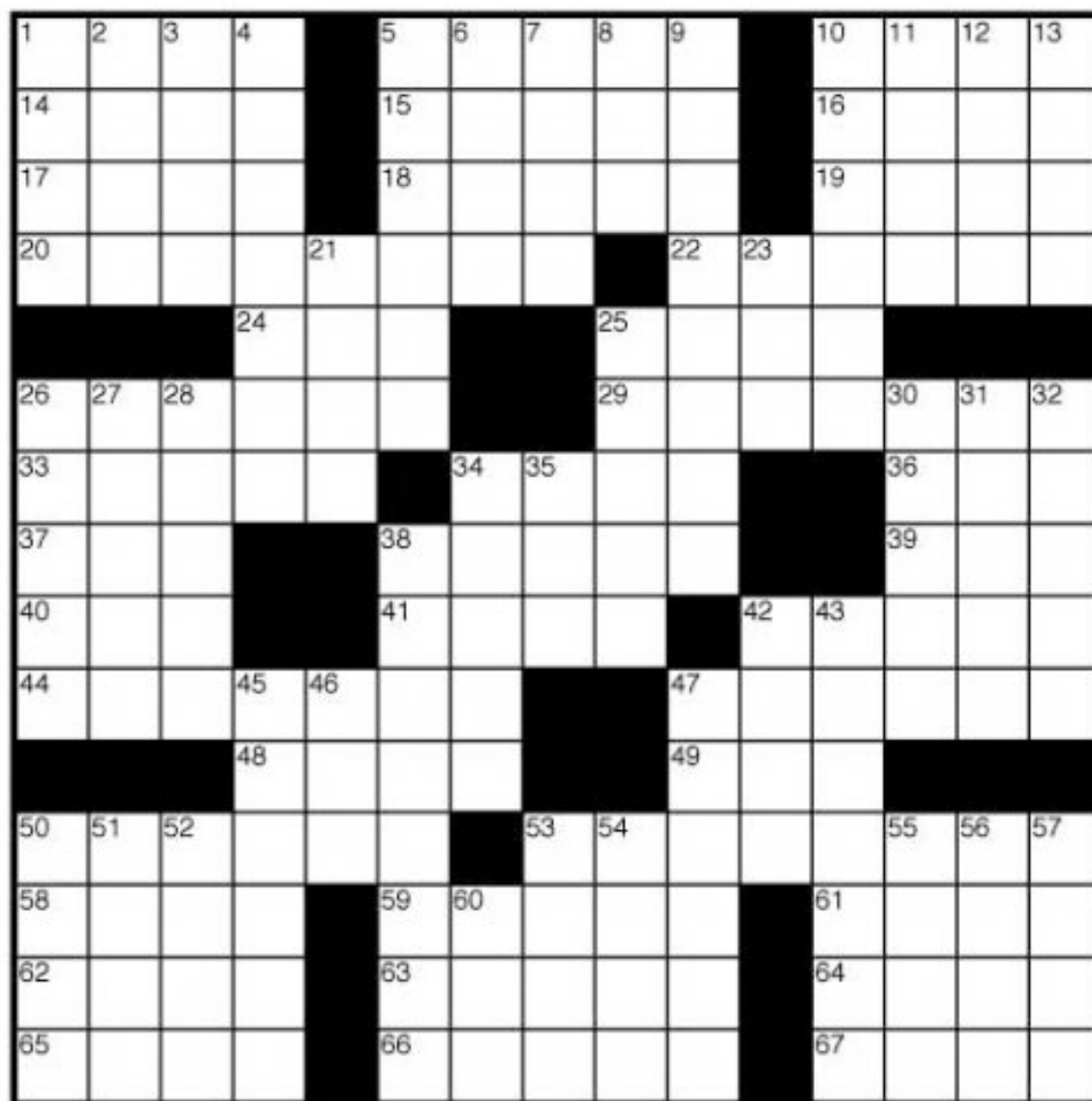


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- 5 Daybreaks
- 10 Beowulf's drink
- 14 Temple city of Japan
- 15 Word of parting
- 16 "Bus Stop" author
- 17 Consumes
- 18 Timbuktu's river
- 19 Dissolute fellow
- 20 Gift repository
- 22 Hidden
- 24 Catch cold
- 25 Ground up
- 26 Athens rival
- 29 Money-grubbing
- 33 Tibetan monks
- 34 Salad veggie
- 36 Icy remark?
- 37 Pass near Pikes Peak
- 38 Hurt at Pamplona
- 39 Dad's lad
- 40 Max opposite
- 41 The Y in YSL
- 42 Tableau
- 44 Model's concern
- 47 Rights a wrong
- 48 Approve
- 49 Scrooge's oath
- 50 Hush-hush
- 53 Orange/coconut dessert
- 58 Railroad siding
- 59 Hot topic
- 61 Ocean sound
- 62 Lois of "Lois & Clark"
- 63 Neat and smart
- 64 Livy's togs
- 65 Pit or stone
- 66 No-see-ums
- 67 Stuck-up person

Down

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- 2 Endure
- 3 Hydrox rival
- 4 Lash darkener
- 5 Kind of folder
- 6 Wednesday's god
- 7 Mrs. Peel portrayer
- 8 Social Register word
- 9 Made it
- 10 More muddy
- 11 Lab compound
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- 23 Bambi's aunt
- 25 Phonies
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Year in review: Most talked about events

1 THE SHIFT. It's hard to fathom that the Flyers-Penguins playoff series was a first-round match-up. First-round. Yet the intensity displayed had all the drama of a Finals. Case in point, Claude Giroux. Prior to Game 6, the fiery Flyer told his coach, "I don't know who you're planning on starting tonight, but I want that first shift." Giroux got it, came out and jacked up Sidney Crosby before scoring the game's first goal — all in the first 30 seconds. Amazing.

2 SIXERS TAKE CELTICS TO BRINK. Was it really the Sixers that provided the year's longest, most exciting playoff run? It was. The city's hoopsters shocked the world when they knocked off top-seeded Chicago in six games and advanced to



Giroux

the Eastern Conference semifinals. Yes, we realize Derrick Rose and Joakim Noah were both out of the Bulls' lineup, but give the Sixers credit. They won that one, then nearly upset the Boston Celtics, highlighted by an Allen Iverson-inspired Game 6 win, in a throwback-type series. Clap your hands, everybody!

3 EAGLES WIN ONE FOR GARRETT. Yes, we fully understand this was a meaningless preseason game — of course, that depends on how you define meaningless. It was hard not to feel for coach Andy Reid — who received a loud, standing ovation that night — coaching the Eagles just two days after his son Garrett's funeral. After Alex Henery kicked a 51-yard field goal to beat the Steelers, the team swarmed Reid and the humbled coach became emotional. **MIKE GREGER**



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Year in review: Most talked about events

4 THE AGONY OF CHOOCH. Carlos Ruiz has long been a fan favorite here, especially for his defense. In 2012, Ruiz busted out at the plate by batting .325 with 16 home runs and .934 OPS en route to his first career All-Star game. If only the story ended there. One month ago, Ruiz was suspended for 25 games by MLB after testing positive for



► Ruiz's suspension carries into 2013.

Adderall. He'll make his season debut April 28.

5 THE WINTER CLASSIC. The game between the

Flyers and Rangers was forgettable for Philly fans, as it ended with Henrik Lundqvist stoning Danny Briere in a 3-2 Flyers loss.

However, the pomp and circumstance around the event is what made it memorable. From Bernie Parent reprising his role as Flyers goaltender in the Alumni Game to the return of Eric Lindros to Ilya Bryzgalov waxing poetic about the universe, it was a spectacle. Oh, and did we mention the brief snowfall during the actual game? Even better.

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Year in review: Most talked about athletes

1 Claude Giroux

He established himself as one of the NHL's elite (28 goals, 65 assists), especially after The Shift. It earned him the captaincy whenever they resume play and Flyers fans will be talking about it for years to come. It's disheartening that the NHL is on strike and we can't see more.

2 Carlos Ruiz

The Phillies catcher, that little drug suspension aside, enjoyed a career

year at the plate (.325 average, 16 homers, 68 RBIs) and finally received some much-deserved recognition on the national stage. We'll see how it all plays out in 2013.

3 Andy Reid

The entire football season has been dominated by Big Red. First, we rooted for him after his son's tragic death. Now, we're preparing for his exit after 14 seasons at the helm. (Coaches count as athletes

in year-end lists). Like him or hate him, Reid will go down as the franchise's greatest coach.

4 Andrew Bynum

He has yet to step on the court for the Sixers, but the big man is constantly making headlines and might be the closest thing Philly has to a Hollywood-esque sports celebrity. Plus, that opening press conference at the National Constitution Center was ridiculous.

5 Jimmy Rollins

The Phillies re-signed the shortstop to a three-year, \$33 million deal, much to the ire of some fans, and J-Roll answered with a roller coaster season. He batted .239 in April/May, .303 in June, then slugged 13 home runs in August/September — and he was benched for not hustling along the way. Enigma.

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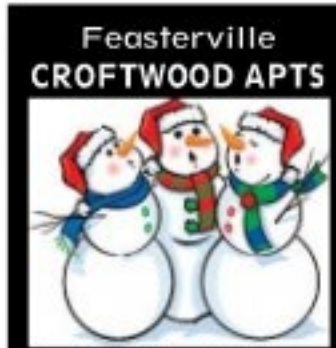
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